



BUDGET LAW

(KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED)

79-1973. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF STATUTORY FUND AND AGGREGATE LEVY LIMITATIONS ON TAXING SUBDIVISIONS.

(a) In 1983, all existing statutory fund and aggregate levy limitations on taxing subdivisions are suspended. In such year, any taxing subdivision is authorized either to levy taxes upon tangible property which produces an amount not in excess of the amount which was authorized to be levied by such taxing subdivision in the next preceding year or levy taxes upon tangible property at a rate not exceeding the existing statutory fund or aggregate levy limitation. The tax levy required to produce the amount allowed by the provisions of this subsection shall be the levy limit for 1986, 1987 and 1988 unless such tax levy is less than the existing statutory fund or aggregate levy limitation, in which case such statutory fund or aggregate levy limitation shall apply.

(b) As used in this section, "taxing subdivision" means every taxing district in the state other than the state.

(c) Nothing in this act shall apply to the limitations on aggregate tax levies imposed by the provisions of K.S.A. 79-5001 to 79-5016, inclusive, and amendments thereto.

79-2925. BUDGETS OF TAXING BODIES; APPLICATION OF ACT; EXCEPTIONS; DEFINITIONS.

(a) This act shall apply to all taxing subdivisions or municipalities of the state, except:

- (1) Townships in counties having the county road unit system which have an annual expenditure of less than two hundred dollars;
- (2) Money received by such taxing subdivision or municipality as a gift or bequest;
- (3) Revolving fund set up for the operation of a municipal airport. Any city, board of park commissioners, or other agency designated and authorized to operate a municipal airport is hereby authorized to set up a revolving fund for use as an operating fund, either out of the budget or out of the receipts from the operation of such airport, in an amount as may be reasonable and necessary as an operating fund for the efficient and business-like operation of such airport. The financial transactions of said airport shall be audited in accordance with the minimum standard audit program prescribed by the director of accounts and reports as other municipal funds. Profits arising from the operation of the airport after the payment of all necessary operating expenses and the establishment of the revolving fund shall be applied to reduce the tax levy for the budgeted fund under which the operation of such airport is financed;

(4) Any special recreation facilities reserve set up by the board of park commissioners in any city for the repair, replacement, or addition to the recreation facilities of such city. The financial transactions of said recreation facilities shall be audited in accordance with the minimum standard audit program prescribed by the director of accounts and reports as other municipal funds. Profits arising from the coliseum events fund and the coliseum concessions, after the payment of all necessary expenses, and the establishment and maintenance of such special recreation facilities reserve shall be applied to reduce the tax levy for the budget fund under which the operation of such recreation facilities is financed; and

(5) Any special recreation facilities fund set up by the board of county commissioners for the operation of a county coliseum. The financial transactions of the special recreation facilities fund shall be audited in accordance with the minimum standard audit program prescribed by the director of accounts and reports as other municipal funds. Moneys derived from the operation of a county coliseum and deposited in the special recreation facilities fund shall be applied to reduce the tax levy for the budget fund under which the operation of such county coliseum is financed.

(b) Whenever the term "fund" is used in this act it is intended to have reference to those funds which are authorized by statute to be established. "Fund" is not intended to mean the individual budgeted items of a fund, but is intended to have reference to the total of such individual items.

(c) Whenever the term "director" is used in this act it shall mean the state director of property valuation.

79-2926. BUDGET FORMS PRESCRIBED; FURNISHED BY DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS; DUTIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

The director of accounts and reports shall prepare and prescribe forms for the annual budgets of all taxing subdivisions or municipalities of the state. Such forms shall show the information required by this act and by K.S.A. 1973 Supp. 79-4401 *et seq.* [1], necessary and proper to fully disclose complete information as to the financial condition of such taxing subdivision or municipality, and the receipts and expenditures thereof, both past and anticipated. All such budget and tax levy forms shall be printed by the director of printing and in such quantity as required by the director. The director shall deliver the forms for all school districts to the clerk of the board of education of each school district. The forms for all other taxing subdivisions or municipalities of the state shall



be delivered by the director to the county clerk of each county, who shall immediately deliver the same to the presiding officer of the governing body of the said respective taxing subdivisions or municipalities within the county.

Whenever in article 29 of chapter 79 of Kansas Statutes Annotated the words state auditor or auditor of state, or words of like effect, occur, the same shall mean director of accounts and reports.

79-2927. ITEMIZED BUDGET; PARALLEL COLUMNS SHOWING CORRESPONDING ITEMS AND REVENUE; NON-APPROPRIATED BALANCES; BALANCED BUDGET REQUIRED. The governing body of each taxing subdivision or municipality shall meet not later than the first day of August of each year, and shall prepare in writing on forms furnished by the director of accounts and reports a budget itemized and classified by funds and showing amounts to be raised by taxation and from other sources for the ensuing budget year. The budget shall show in parallel columns all amounts and items to be expended for the ensuing budget year and the amounts appropriated for corresponding or other items during the current budget year and amounts expended for corresponding or other items during the preceding budget year. The budget for each fund shall not include any item for sundry or miscellaneous purposes in excess of 10% of the total. Except for school districts, municipal universities and community colleges, the budget for each fund may include a non-appropriated balance of not to exceed 5% of the total of each fund.

The budget shall show in parallel columns the amount of revenue actually received from taxation and from other sources, with the amount from each source separately stated for the preceding budget year and the amount actually received and estimated to be received from taxation and from sources other than direct taxation with the amount for each source separately stated for the current budget year and also the amount estimated to be received during the ensuing budget year, with the amount estimated to be received from each source separately stated. The budget of expenditures for each fund shall balance with the budget of revenues for such fund and that portion of the budget of revenues to be derived from ad valorem property taxation shall not exceed the amount of tax which can be raised by any fund limit or aggregate limit placed upon such fund.

79-2929. PROPOSED BUDGET; AMENDMENTS; PUBLIC HEARING; NOTICE, PUBLICATION AND CONTENTS. Prior to the filing of the adopted budget with the county clerk, the governing body of each taxing or political subdivision or municipality shall meet for the purpose of answering and hearing objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget and for the purpose of considering amendments to such proposed budget. The governing body shall give at least 10 days' notice of the time and place of the meeting by publication in a weekly or daily newspaper of the county having a general circulation therein.

Such notice shall include the proposed budget and shall set out all essential items in the budget except such groupings as designated by the director of accounts and reports on a special publication form prescribed by the director of accounts and reports and furnished with the regular budget form. The notice of a governing body of any taxing subdivision or municipality having an annual expenditure of \$500 or less shall specify the time and place of the meeting required by this section but shall not be required to include the proposed budget of such taxing subdivision or municipality.

79-2930. SUBMISSION OF ADOPTED BUDGETS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING THERETO TO COUNTY CLERK; DUTIES OF COUNTY CLERK; LIMITATION ON TAXES LEVIED, EXCEPTION.

(a) Two copies of the budget certificate giving the amount of ad valorem tax to be levied and the total amount of the adopted budget of expenditures by fund, along with itemized budget forms for each and every fund and proof of publication of the notice of budget hearing containing the budget summary shall be presented to the county clerk within the time prescribed by K.S.A. 79-1801 as amended. Where action has been taken under any statute to increase the amount of tax to be levied authorized by law, a statement showing the increased amount or tax levy rate voted, or a copy of the charter resolution or ordinance making the change, shall be attached to the budget each year the change is in effect.

(b) The county clerk shall make any reductions to the ad valorem tax to be levied, compute the tax levy rates based on the final equalized assessed valuation, and enter such on the budget certificate before attesting the budget. A copy of all budgets for taxing subdivisions of the county, properly attested, shall be filed with the director of accounts and reports, along with a copy of the tax levy rate summary required of the county treasurer by K.S.A. 79-2002, and amendments thereto.

(c) Each fund of the adopted budget certified to the county clerk in no event shall exceed the amount of ad valorem tax to be levied and the proposed expenditures of such fund in the proposed budget as originally published. The governing body of each taxing subdivision shall not certify an amount of ad valorem taxes to be levied that is in excess of any tax levy rate or amount limitations or any aggregate tax levy limitations. The governing bodies, in fixing the amount may take into consideration and make allowance for the taxes which may not be paid, such allowance, however, shall not exceed by more than 5% the percentage of delinquency for the preceding tax year.

79-2933. TIME FOR BUDGET HEARING; ADOPTION; VALIDITY OF LEVIES. The hearing herein required to be held upon all budgets by all taxing subdivisions or municipalities of the state shall be held not less than ten (10) days prior to the date on which they shall certify their annual levies to the county clerk as required by law. After such hearing the budget shall be



adopted or amended and adopted as amended, but no levy shall be made until and unless a budget is prepared, published and filed, but no levy of taxes shall be invalidated because of any insufficiency, informality, or delay in preparing, publishing and filing said budget.

79-2934. FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY BUDGET; BALANCES; DUTIES OF CLERKS AND OFFICERS; DISTRIBUTION OF TAX PROCEEDS. The budget as approved and filed with the county clerk for each year shall constitute and shall hereafter be declared to be an appropriation for each fund, and the appropriation thus made shall not be used for any other purpose. No money in any fund shall be used to pay for any indebtedness created in excess of the total amount of the adopted budget of expenditures for such fund. Any balance remaining in such fund at the end of the current budget year shall be carried forward to the credit of the fund for the ensuing budget year. The clerk or secretary of each taxing subdivision or municipality shall open and keep an account of each fund, showing the total amount appropriated for each fund, and shall charge such appropriation with the amount of any indebtedness created at the time such indebtedness is incurred. If any indebtedness is reimbursed during the current budget year and the reimbursement is in excess of the amount which was shown as reimbursed expense in the budget of revenues for the current budget year, the charge made shall be reduced by the amount of the reimbursement.

No part of any fund shall be diverted to any other fund, whether before or after the distribution of taxes by the county treasurer, except as provided by law. The county treasurer shall distribute the proceeds of the taxes levied by each taxing subdivision in the manner provided by K.S.A. 12-1678a, and amendments thereto.

79-2935. CREATION OF INDEBTEDNESS IN EXCESS OF BUDGET UNLAWFUL; EXCEPTIONS. It shall be unlawful for the governing body of any taxing subdivision or municipality in any budget year to create an indebtedness in any manner or in any fund after the total indebtedness created against such fund shall equal the total amount of the adopted budget of expenditures for such fund for that budget year. Any indebtedness incurred by the governing body or any officer or officers of such taxing subdivision or municipality in excess of said amount shall be void as against such taxing subdivision or municipality: *Provided*, That indebtedness may be created in excess of the total amount of the adopted budget of expenditures for the current budget year only when payment has been authorized by a vote of the municipality, or when provision has been made for payment by the issuance of bonds, or when provision has been made for payment by the issuance of warrants authorized by the commission in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 79-2938, 79-2939 and 79-2940.

79-2936. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE FOR VIOLATION. Any member of the governing body, or any other officer of any taxing subdivision or municipality of the state, who violates any of the provisions of this act shall be subject to removal from office.



CASH BASIS LAW

(KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED)

10-1101. DEFINITIONS. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this act, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(a) "Municipality" means any county, township, city, municipal university, school district, community college, drainage district and any other taxing district or political subdivision of the state which is supported with tax funds.

(b) "Governing body" means the governing body of a municipality.

(c) "Person" means any person, partnership, association or corporation.

(d) "Claim" means any claim arising on contract express or implied, or a claim determined by final judgment, but shall not include claims arising from alleged tort or negligence on the part of the municipality.

10-1102. CASH BASIS FOR MUNICIPALITIES. All municipalities are required to pay or refinance their valid indebtedness as in this act provided, in the manner and at the times herein set forth, and to contract no indebtedness after May 1, 1933, except as herein provided. It is hereby declared that the purpose of this act is to provide for the funding and payment of all legal debts and obligations except present bonded indebtedness of all municipalities and for the future conduct of the financial affairs of such municipality upon a cash basis.

10-1112. ISSUANCE OF WARRANTS AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS UNLAWFUL. Unless otherwise provided in this act, it shall be unlawful after May 1, 1933, for the governing body of any municipality to create any indebtedness in excess of the amount of funds actually on hand in the treasury of such municipality at the time for such purpose, or to authorize the issuance of any order, warrant, or check, or other evidence of such indebtedness of such municipality in excess of the funds actually on hand in the treasury of such municipality at the time for such purpose.

10-1113. CREATING INDEBTEDNESS IN EXCESS OF FUNDS UNLAWFUL; EXCEPTIONS. Unless otherwise provided in this act, it shall be unlawful after May 1, 1933, for any member of any governing body of any municipality to knowingly vote for or in any manner aid or promote the passage or adoption of any order, motion, ordinance, resolution, legislation or other act of said governing body, creating an indebtedness in excess of the amount of funds actually on hand in the treasury of such municipality at the time for such purpose, or to knowingly vote for the drawing of any order, warrant or check, or other evidence of such indebtedness on the treasury of said municipality, in payment of any such indebtedness, in excess

of the amount of funds actually on hand in the treasury at the time for such purpose. School districts and community junior colleges, may, however, issue cancelable purchase orders for school supplies and equipment, school buses, books purchased in conjunction with textbook rental programs and data processing equipment in advance of the budget year during which moneys will become available to pay for such purposes, but contracts for the purchase of such school supplies and equipment, books, buses and data processing equipment cannot be entered into except during the budget year in which moneys will become available for such purchases and risk of loss and title thereto shall not pass to the school district or community junior college prior to entering into such contracts. Issuance of such a cancelable purchase order shall not constitute an indebtedness within the meaning of K.S.A. 79-2935.

10-1114. CLERKS NOT TO ISSUE OR SIGN ORDERS. Unless otherwise provided in this act, it shall be unlawful after May 1, 1933, for the clerk or secretary of any governing body of any municipality to knowingly issue, attest, sign or countersign any order, warrant, check or other evidence of indebtedness, on the treasury of the municipality, in payment of any indebtedness of such municipality created by the governing body of such municipality in excess of the amount of funds actually on hand in the treasury of such municipality at the time for such purpose.

10-1115. TREASURERS NOT TO PAY ORDERS. Unless otherwise provided in this act, it shall be unlawful after May 1, 1933, for the treasurer of any municipality to knowingly pay any order, warrant, check or other evidence of indebtedness out of the treasury of such municipality in excess of the amount of funds actually on hand in the treasury at the time for such purpose.

10-1116. LIMITS OF INDEBTEDNESS MAY BE EXCEEDED, WHEN; CREATING INDEBTEDNESS IN VIOLATION OF ACT UNLAWFUL.

(a) The limits of indebtedness prescribed under the provisions of article 11 of chapter 10 of Kansas Statutes Annotated may be exceeded when:

- (1) Payment has been authorized by a vote of the electors of the municipality;
- (2) Provision has been made for payment by the issuance of bonds or temporary notes as provided by law;
- (3) Provision has been made for payment by the issuance of no-fund warrants authorized by law and in the manner, and limited in amount as prescribed by law;
- (4) Provision has been made for a revolving fund for the operation of any municipal airport financed and sustained partially or wholly by fees, rentals, proceeds from the sale of merchandise or charges



for rendering services, received from the users of such airport; or

- (5) Provision has been made for payment pursuant to a service agreement entered into pursuant to K.S.A. 12-5503.

(b) Notwithstanding any other limits of indebtedness prescribed under the provisions of article 11 of chapter 10 of Kansas Statutes Annotated, the following funds shall have as a limit of indebtedness an amount equal to 100% of the accrued revenue of the current fiscal year plus any balances carried forward, cash reserves, intergovernmental grants, and sums advanced to qualify for intergovernmental grants:

(1) Special recreation facilities reserve funds set up by any board of park commissioners or any municipality for a revolving fund for the repair, replacement or addition to recreational facilities;

(2) Enterprise funds set up in any municipality to account for the financing of self-supporting activities of governmental units which render services on a user charge basis to the general public, such as municipal utilities engaged in the provision of water, electricity and natural gas and sanitary sewer systems which are financed by user charges; or

(3) Intra-governmental service funds or working capital funds established in any municipality to finance and account for services and commodities furnished by a designated agency of a governmental unit to other departments of the same governmental unit such as funds established for central garages and motor pools, central printing and duplicating services and central purchasing and stores departments.

The board of education of any school district, the board of regents of any municipal university or the board of trustees of any community college may enter into contracts for teachers and other necessary employees and for continuing operating expenses in excess of the amount of funds actually on hand for that purpose. The limit of indebtedness provided by this section shall never exceed 100% of the amount actually expended for school purposes for the last preceding fiscal year during which school was conducted.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any member of the governing body of any municipality, as defined in K.S.A. 10-1101, and amendments thereto, to knowingly vote for or in any manner aid or promote the entering into of any contract or the creation of any other indebtedness in violation of the provisions of this section.

10-1116A. EXEMPTIONS FROM CASH BASIS LAW; MUNICIPAL UTILITIES; ISSUANCE OF NO-FUND WARRANTS; DROUGHT EMERGENCIES. The provisions of this act shall not apply to expenditures in excess of current revenues made for municipally owned and operated utilities out of the fund of such utilities caused by, or resulting from the meeting of, extraordinary emergencies including drought emergencies. In

such cases expenditures in excess of current revenues may be made by declaring an extraordinary emergency by resolution adopted by the governing body and such resolution shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in such city. Thereupon, such governing body may issue interest bearing no-fund warrants on such utility fund in an amount, including outstanding previously issued no-fund warrants, not to exceed 25% of the revenues from sales of service of such utility for the preceding year. Such warrants shall be redeemed within three years from date of issuance and shall bear interest at a rate of not to exceed the maximum rate of interest prescribed by K.S.A. 10-1009, and amendments thereto. Upon the declaration of a drought emergency, the governing body may issue such warrants for water system improvement purposes in an amount not to exceed 50% of the revenue received from the sale of water for the preceding year. Such warrants shall be redeemed within five years from the date of issuance and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate of interest prescribed by K.S.A. 10-1009, and amendments thereto.

10-1116B. LEASE, LEASE-PURCHASE OR INSTALLMENT-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS; AGREEMENTS FOR ELECTRIC INTERCONNECTION OR TRANSMISSION FACILITIES; WHEN ALLOWED UNDER CASH-BASIS LAW. Nothing in the provisions of K.S.A. 10-1101 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, shall prohibit a municipality from entering into (1) an agreement to pay for electric interconnection or transmission facilities or services, (2) a lease agreement, without an option to buy, or (3) a lease-purchase agreement, if any of such agreements specifically state that the municipality is obligated only to pay periodic payments or monthly installments under the agreement as may lawfully be made from (a) funds budgeted and appropriated for that purpose during such municipality's current budget year or (b) funds made available from any lawfully operated revenue producing source. For the purpose of this act, a lease-purchase agreement shall include a lease with an option to buy or an installment-purchase agreement.

10-1116C. LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS; CONDITIONS; PROTEST PETITION AND ELECTION, WHEN. Any lease-purchase agreement entered into pursuant to this act shall be subject to the following conditions:

(a) If the proposed agreement is for a term exceeding the current fiscal year of the municipality, it shall be approved by a majority vote of all members of the governing body.

(b) If the proposed agreement involves the acquisition of land or buildings by a municipality other than a county, school district or community college, is for a term of three or more years, and provides for payments in any year in excess of 3% of the total amount budgeted by the municipality for expenditure during the current year, excluding debt service, a notice thereof specifying the purpose and the total of all payments shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within such municipality. If, within 30 days following the last



publication of such notice, a petition in opposition to the agreement signed by not less than 5% of the qualified voters of such municipality is filed with the appropriate county election officer, no such agreement shall take effect unless and until the same is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of such municipality voting at an election thereon. Any such election shall be called and held in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto, or in accordance with the provisions of the mail ballot election act.

(c) If the municipality is a county, school district or community college and the proposed agreement involves the acquisition of land or buildings, is for a term exceeding the current fiscal year of the municipality, and provides for annual payments which in the aggregate exceed \$100,000, the governing body of such municipality first shall adopt a resolution stating its intent to enter into such lease-purchase agreement. The resolution shall specify the total of all payments to be made pursuant to the agreement and the purpose for which such agreement is to be entered into. The resolution shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality. If a protest petition signed by not less than 5% of the qualified voters of the municipality, as determined by the vote for secretary of state at the last general election, is filed with the appropriate county election officer within 30 days following the last publication of the resolution, no such agreement shall take effect unless approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the municipality voting at an election thereon. Any such election shall be called and held in the manner provided by K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto, or in accordance with the provisions of the mail ballot election act. If no such protest petition is filed within the time limitation contained herein, the governing body of the municipality may enter into such agreement. If an election is held pursuant to a protest petition and a majority vote is cast in favor of the proposition, the governing body of the municipality shall have authority to enter into such agreement.

(d) If the proposed agreement is for a term exceeding the current fiscal year of the municipality, the agreement shall specify the following:

- (1) The amount or capital cost required to purchase the item if paid for by cash,
- (2) The annual average effective interest cost, and
- (3) The amount included in the payments for service, maintenance, insurance or other charges exclusive of the capital cost and interest cost.

10-1117. CLERK OR SECRETARY; RECORD OF MONEYS; CONTRACTS AND INDEBTEDNESS OF MUNICIPALITY; RECORDS OF ORDERS, WARRANT CHECKS; EXHIBITION OF RECORDS UPON REQUEST; NOTICE. The clerk or secretary of every municipality shall keep a record of the amount of money in the treasury and each particular fund and shall keep a record of all indebtedness and contracts creating a liability against the municipality. In such records there shall be shown the date of the making of the contract or the creation of the debt, the amount of the

contract or debt, the time payable, and the particular fund from which payment is to be made. Such clerk or secretary shall also keep a record of each order, warrant check or check, drawn on the treasury and paid, giving the date of payment. Such clerk or secretary shall, upon the request of any person, exhibit such records to such person and any person contracting with the municipality shall be chargeable with knowledge of what such records contain.

10-1118. TREASURER; RECORD OF MONEYS ON HAND AND IN EACH FUND; EXHIBITION OF RECORD OR STATEMENT IN WRITING.

The treasurer of every municipality shall keep a record of the amount of money on hand in the treasury, which record shall show at all times the amount of money in each particular fund. Such treasurer shall, upon the request of any person, exhibit such record to such person or give such person a statement in writing, showing the balances on hand in each of the funds of the municipality.

10-1119. VOID CONTRACTS AND ORDERS. Any contract entered into between the governing body of any municipality and any person, which violates the provisions of this act, shall be void, and any order, warrant, check or other evidence of indebtedness drawn on the treasurer of any municipality in violation of the provisions of this act shall be void.

10-1120. EXCESS TAX LEVYING NOT BASIS OF PROTEST. The levying of a tax by any municipality which raises more money than is used or needed for the tax year shall not be the basis of a protest by any taxpayer and all such protests shall be of no force or effect.

10-1121. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS. Any member of any governing body of any municipality or any clerk or secretary or treasurer of any governing body of any such municipality who shall knowingly violate any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of malfeasance in office and shall, by such violation, be subject to be removed from office and in addition any member of such governing body or clerk or secretary or treasurer of such municipality who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, or neglect or refuse to perform any duty herein imposed, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof in a court of competent jurisdiction shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$1,000.

10-1122. INVALIDITY OF PART. Should the courts declare any section, clause or provision of this act unconstitutional, the decision shall affect only the section, clause or provision so declared to be unconstitutional, and shall not affect any other section, clause or provision of this act.



DEBT LIMIT LAW

(KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED)

10-308. CITIES; LIMITATIONS. (a) Except as provided in this section and K.S.A. 10-309, and amendments thereto, and in any other statute which specifically exempts bonds from the statutory limitations on bonded indebtedness, the limitation on bonded indebtedness of cities shall be governed by this section. The authorized and outstanding bonded indebtedness of any city shall not exceed 30% of the assessed valuation of the city.

(b) The authorized and outstanding bonded indebtedness of Olathe shall not exceed 35% of the assessed valuation of the city. The provisions of this subsection shall expire on June 30, 1990.

(c) For the purpose of this section, assessed valuation means the value of all taxable tangible property as certified to the county clerk on the preceding August 25 which includes the assessed valuation of motor vehicles as provided by K.S.A. 10-310, and amendments thereto.

10-309. LIMITATION ON BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF CITIES; EXCEPTIONS. Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 10-308 and amendments thereto: (a) Bonds issued by any city for the purpose of acquiring, enlarging, extending or improving any storm or sanitary sewer system; or

(b) Bonds issued by any city for the purpose of acquiring, enlarging, extending or improving any municipal utility; or

(c) Bonds issued by any city to pay the cost of improvements to intersections of streets and alleys or that portion of any street immediately in front of city or school district property, shall not be included in computing the total bonded indebtedness of the city for the purposes of determining the limitations on bonded indebtedness provided in K.S.A. 10-308 and amendments thereto.

10-310. COMPUTATION OF VALUATION FOR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS LIMITATION PURPOSES. The county clerk shall add (1) the taxable value of each motor vehicle, as shown on the application for registration for the previous year or as otherwise established in the manner prescribed by K.S.A. 79-5105, and amendments thereto, and (2) the taxable value of motor vehicles established in the manner prescribed by K.S.A. 79-1022, and amendments thereto, to the equalized assessed tangible valuation on the tax roll of each taxing subdivision in which such motor vehicle has acquired tax situs. The resulting total shall constitute the equalized assessed tangible valuation of the taxing subdivision for the computation of limitations upon bonded indebtedness and for all other purposes except the levying of taxes and the computation of limitations thereon.

10-311. REVENUE BONDS AND MUNICIPALITY, DEFINED; REVENUE BONDS EXCLUDED FROM COMPUTATION OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

(a) "Revenue bonds" mean bonds issued by any municipality to be paid from the revenue derived from the operation of a publicly owned utility, instrumentality or facility

of a revenue producing character, or which are not general obligations of the issuing municipality.

(b) "Municipality" means any city, county, municipal or quasi-municipal corporation or other political subdivision of the state authorized to issue revenue bonds.

(c) Revenue bonds issued by a municipality shall not be included in computing the total bonded indebtedness of such municipality for the purpose of determining the limitations on bonded indebtedness of such municipality.

10-427A. SAME; CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS; PROCEEDS, DISPOSITION AND INVESTMENT. (a) Refunding bonds issued under the authority of K.S.A. 10-427, and amendments thereto, may be sold or exchanged for the bonds being refunded either as a whole or in installments at any time either at, before or after the maturity of the bonds being refunded. Such bonds shall be exempt from statutory limitations of bonded indebtedness and shall not be included in computing the total bonded indebtedness of the municipality for the purpose of applying any statute limiting the bonded indebtedness of the municipality.

(b) If refunding bonds are sold more than six months prior to the maturity or earliest prior redemption date of the bonds being refunded, the proceeds derived from the sale, together with any other moneys on hand, shall be placed in escrow under a trust agreement with a Kansas bank having full trust powers. The proceeds and moneys shall be invested in direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and the interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America or municipal obligations which are secured by direct obligations of the United States of America, and which shall mature or be subject to redemption by the holders thereof not later than the respective dates when the proceeds of the obligations together with the interest accruing thereon and any other moneys or investments held in escrow will be required for the purposes intended. The trust agreement shall pledge or assign the moneys and investments held in trust for the payment of the principal of the bonds being refunded and may pledge or assign the moneys and investments held in trust for the payment of the interest on the bonds being refunded and any redemption premium thereon. The trust agreement may pledge or assign any of the obligations or other moneys or investments, or interest accruing thereon, held in trust, which are in excess of the amount of the obligations and other moneys and investments held which is equal to the amount of the principal of the bonds to be refunded which comes due on the date for which the bonds may have been called for redemption or irrevocable instructions to call bonds for redemption have been given and any redemption premium thereon, for the payment of the principal of and interest on any or all of the refunding bonds and any redemption premium there on, and shall contain provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the holders of the bonds.



FINANCIAL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

A. FINANCIAL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES (REVISED MARCH 1994)

The City of Wichita's financial policies set forth the basic framework for the overall fiscal management of the City. Operating independently of changing circumstances and conditions, the policies assist the decision-making process of the City Council and the management. The financial policies provide guidelines for evaluating both current activities and proposals for future programs.

Most policies represent long-standing principles, traditions, and practices that guide the City and help to maintain its financial stability. They should be reviewed annually.

OPERATING BUDGET POLICIES

1. The City attempts to maintain its present service level for all priority and essential services within existing tax rates, as adjusted for normal growth in the tax base. No new services are added without offsetting expenditure reductions or increases in tax revenues. A phase-in increase to the mill levy to restore the debt service levy to the 1992 level was completed in 1995. Loss of assessed value through the November 1992 classification amendment to the State Constitution required a one-time only mill levy increase (1993 taxes for the 1994 budget).
2. The City maintains a financial and budgetary control system to ensure adherence to the budget and an awareness of the financial environment, preparing quarterly reports to compare actual revenues and expenditures to budgeted amounts, analyzing operating surplus or deficit conditions, and balance sheets on all City funds.
3. The City integrates performance measurement and productivity indicators with the budget.
4. The City attempts to avoid layoffs in all actions to balance the budget. Any personnel reductions are scheduled to come primarily from attrition.
5. The City emphasizes efforts to reduce major cost centers.
6. Airport, Golf, Sewer, Water, and Storm Water enterprise funds are self-supporting.
7. Privatization, volunteerism, incentive programs, public/private partnerships and other alternatives are used whenever possible to provide services.
8. The City endeavors to mitigate subsidies for the Transit system.
9. Charges for internal services are set at the lowest possible level to maintain essential programs.

REVENUE POLICIES

The City directs efforts to maintain a diversified and stable revenue system to shelter it from short-run fluctuations in any one revenue source.

1. The City attempts to obtain additional major revenue sources as a way of insuring a balanced budget.

2. The City follows an aggressive revenue collection policy.
3. The City establishes all user charges and fees at a level related to the full cost (operating, direct, indirect, and capital) of providing the service.
4. The City reviews fees/charges annually and designs and modifies revenue systems to include provisions that automatically allow charges to grow at a rate that keeps pace with the cost of providing the service. The City considers market rates and charges levied by other public and private organizations for similar services in establishing tax rates, fees, and charges.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

1. Disbursement, collection, and deposit of all funds are managed to insure maximum cash availability.
2. The City strives to maximize the return on investments consistent with the primary goal of preserving capital in accordance with the City's ordinance and prudent investment practices.

DEBT POLICIES

1. The City confines long-term borrowing primarily to capital improvements.
2. In anticipation of bonding, the City uses short-term debt.
3. The City follows a policy of full disclosure on every financial report and bond prospectus.
4. Revenue bonds are issued when practical for City enterprises to reduce the amount of the City's general obligation debt.
5. The City maintains an aggressive retirement of existing debt over 10 years for city-at-large debt and 15 years for special assessment debt.
6. The City uses general obligation debt to fund general purpose public improvements which cannot be financed from current revenues.
7. The City uses special assessment general obligation debt to fund special benefit district improvements consistent with existing policies.

RESERVE POLICIES

1. The City maintains a revenue reserve to pay for expenses caused by unforeseen emergencies or for shortfalls caused by revenue declines. This reserve is established at no less than 5 percent and no greater than 10 percent of annual revenues.
2. The City maintains a contingency expenditure account to provide for unanticipated expenditures of a nonrecurring nature, or to meet unexpected small increases in service delivery costs.
3. Reserves in excess of these amounts in the General Fund shall be used for one-time only expenditures.
4. The City maintains a debt service fund reserve at year-end equivalent to 5 percent of annual revenues of the debt



service fund. Any amount in excess of this reserve will be used to reduce capital project fund general purpose expenditures.

5. Adequate levels of working capital shall be maintained in all proprietary funds.

ACCOUNTING, AUDITING, AND FINANCIAL REPORTING POLICIES

1. An independent audit is performed annually and completed not later than June 1 of each year.

2. The City produces annual and monthly financial reports in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as outlined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

B. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES (MARCH 1994)

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) guides new construction and improvements to the City's infrastructure and facilities, ranging from road expansion to repairs on publicly owned buildings to acquisition of new water sources.

The CIP requires a sound operating budget and a solid financial base to allow for debt or cash financing of capital projects. A well prepared operating budget can also assist in raising or maintaining the bond rating of the City. A higher bond rating means that the City pays a lower interest rate for the bonds sold to finance capital projects.

The annual budget process takes into account requirements of funding infrastructure, maintenance, and related operational costs. Since the CIP is primarily funded from property taxes, mill levy changes in the annual operating budget can mean changes in resources available for capital projects.

REVENUE SOURCES AND PROJECTIONS

Development of the CIP has two phases. The first phase is revenue projections. Like revenue projections for the operating budget, trends are studied, and performance assumptions are generated. From these assumptions, expenditure estimates are developed. Since the CIP is a ten-year plan, revenue projections must be made further into the future than those required for the operating budget.

Existing debt service obligations are considered when estimating the additional amount of debt that can be assumed under the City's policy. After the new debt for proposed projects is calculated and all revenue sources are identified, projects are prioritized and funds are allocated for the ten year planning period. The revenues and debt service expenditures for that part of the CIP financed from property and sales taxes are managed through the Debt Service Fund. Components of revenue funding the CIP are:

1. The mill levy is projected at 10 mills for the ten year CIP period.
2. Sales tax revenue for freeway and road construction is managed through the Sales Tax Trust Fund until the funds are

transferred to projects or to the Debt Service Fund to pay debt service on sales tax general obligation bonds.

3. Special assessments made against properties fund portions of the CIP.

4. Motor vehicle taxes collected by Sedgwick County on all motor vehicles not subject to property or ad valorem taxes are a CIP revenue source.

5. Interest earnings on the fund balance and current revenues contribute to CIP revenue.

6. Transfers from other funds, such as the Tourism and Convention Fund for Expo Hall, Lawrence-Dumont Stadium and parking facilities, and from Tax Increment Financing Funds for economic development projects are considered in revenue estimating.

7. Other proceeds considered when developing the CIP are from the sale of City owned property.

Other parts of CIP financing are budgeted as debt service in proprietary funds.

PROJECT REVIEW

The second phase of developing the CIP involves the project request. Each project request is sent to major corporations, community organizations, District Advisory Boards, and other groups that would be impacted. Any interested party may submit a project for consideration by City engineers and the CIP Administrative Committee.

The CIP Administrative Committee, through a series of meetings, develops the project plan for the term of the program. Projects are studied and ranked according to criteria set forth by the Committee.

Projects proposed for the CIP are reviewed, evaluated, and recommended under the following guidelines:

1. General revenue-supported debt: Maintain a Capital Improvement Program within the debt limitations established by state law, and within a maximum local mill levy debt service established by the City Council.

2. Capital improvement projects must meet the established useful life criteria to be financed: (a) public buildings, 40 year general life, 10 year financing; (b) new road construction, 40 year general life, 10 year financing; (c) major road and bridge rehabilitation, 15 year general life, 10 year financing; (d) water, sanitary sewers, and drainage, 40 year general life, 20 year financing; (e) miscellaneous items, based on asset life, 10 year financing; and (f) local sales tax projects, 10 and 15 year financing with double barreled bonds.

3. Utility Revenue Bonds are utilized when necessary and feasible to finance Public Improvements using a 20-year amortization to minimize the impact of annual revenue requirements (sue fees).

4. Maintenance of the highway and street system to provide safe and effective vehicular access and efficient urban traffic flow emphasizing the following: (a) Expedite the plans (in cooperation with Sedgwick County) for constructing and financing US-54, maximizing state and federal funds



supplemented by local sales tax; (b) Concentrate efforts on selected cross-town arterials and intersections to improve traffic movement, safety and reduce congestion; (c) Include features in new projects which will reduce future maintenance requirements (i.e., delineation of crosswalks, low-maintenance medial treatment, etc.); (d) Complete railroad crossing improvements on arterials; and (e) Provide good streets and roadways to serve City facilities (i.e., Art Museum, Cowtown, Expo Hall, Airport, etc.).

5. Provide improvements in the downtown area.
6. Continuation of Neighborhood Improvement Program in conjunction with code enforcement.
7. Emphasize projects in problem areas without regard to the percentage of the total CIP funds available. Under no circumstances will all projects be selected from one area of the City.
8. Develop a balanced capital maintenance program for all types of City assets.
9. Include beautification and landscape improvements in projects, especially on arterials and highways, public facilities, etc.
10. Insure an adequate water supply for existing neighborhoods and for the planned growth and development of the City.

HEARINGS AND ADOPTION OF THE CIP

Upon completion of the Administrative Committee's plan, the committee's recommendations are forwarded to the City Manager and then to the City Council. Hearings are held before the Metropolitan Area Planning commission and the District Advisory Boards. Like the operating budget, the City Council hears public comments on the CIP prior to adoption. The City Council may shift, add, or delete projects in the proposed CIP.

IMPLEMENTATION

After the CIP is adopted by the City Council, departments use the CIP as a guide for implementing capital improvements. Initiation of each project must be authorized individually by the City Council through the adoption of an ordinance or resolution.

BUDGETING FOR ONGOING OPERATING COSTS OF CIP PROJECTS

As a general practice, the proposed 10-year CIP is developed and revised in a process that parallels development of the City's two-year budget. Departments provide estimated ongoing costs associated with CIP projects so all costs can be considered in the evaluation process. When a project is completed, the operating costs are included in the department's operating budget.



ACCOUNTING POLICY

REPORTING ENTITY. For financial reporting purposes the City includes financial information for the appointive boards and commissions that are controlled by or dependent on the City. Control or dependence is determined on the basis of oversight responsibility, budget adoption, taxing authority, funding and appointment of respective governing boards. The boards and commissions which are appointed by the elected City officials, accountable for fiscal matters related thereto and for which the City provides accounting services include: Art Museum, Wichita Airport Advisory Board, Library Board, Board of Park Commissioners Advisory Board, Metropolitan Transit Advisory Board, and the Board of Housing Commissioners.

The financial activities of these boards and commissions are reflected in the special revenue, capital project, enterprise and expendable trust funds as appropriate.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING. The accrual basis of accounting is used for all funds except the governmental fund types, expendable trust funds and agency funds, which use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Modifications in such method from the accrual basis are as follows:

1. Revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Revenues received prior to their normal time of receipt are recorded as deferred revenues.
2. Disbursements for the purchases of capital assets providing future benefits are treated as expenditures and are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group. Appropriations for capital projects are carried forward until such time as the project is completed or terminated.
3. Interest on general long-term debt is not accrued but is recorded as an expenditure on its due date.

BUDGETARY CONTROL. Applicable Kansas statutes require that annual budgets be legally adopted for all funds (including proprietary funds) unless exempted by a specific statute. Specific funds exempted from legally adopted budgets are all federal and state assistance funds, all capital project funds, the Transit Fund, the Airport Fund, the Golf Course System Fund and all trust and agency funds. Controls over spending in funds that are not subject to legal budgets are maintained by the use of internal spending limits established by management. For budgeting, revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period except for special assessments of the bond and interest fund, which are recognized on the cash basis.

Kansas statutes require the use of an encumbrance system as a management control technique to assist in controlling expenditures. Encumbrances of the budgeted governmental fund types, represented by purchase orders, contracts and other commitments, are reported as a charge to the current year budget. For budget purposes, unencumbered cash balances are determined by deducting liabilities and encumbrances from cash and receivables susceptible to accrual.

The statutes provide for the following sequence and timetable in adoption of budgets:

Preparation of budget for the following calendar year begins on or before August 1 of each year.

1. Publication of proposed budget on or before August 5 of each year.
2. A minimum of ten days notice of public hearing, published in local newspaper, on or before August 15 of each year.
3. Adoption of final budget on or before August 25 of each year.

Kansas statutes permit transferring budgeted amounts from one object of purpose to another within the same fund; however, such statutes prohibit creating expenditures in excess of the total amount of the adopted budget of expenditures of individual funds. All unencumbered appropriations lapse at the end of the year, except for capital project funds, which are carried forward until such time as the project is completed or terminated. Kansas statutes permit original budgets to be increased for previously unbudgeted increases in revenue other than ad valorem property taxes. The City must first publish a notice of hearing to amend the budget. Ten days after publication, a public hearing is held and the governing body may amend the budget at that time.

Additional information regarding funds and budgetary accounting policies may be found in the City of Wichita's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report prepared by the City Controller's Office.